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SUBJECT: LEAHY VETTING REQUEST FOR TRAINERS OF SOMALIA
MILITARY PERSONNEL

REF: ADDIS ABABA 809

¶1. The Department of State has reviewed its files and finds that as of April 18, 2008, it possesses no credible information of gross violations of human rights by the individuals listed below who are overseeing the training of Somalia Transitional Federal Government military units.

¶2. Name: Arega Lebassi Desta
Occupation: Colonel
Date of Birth: January 13, 1959
Place of Birth: Tigray, Ethiopia

Name: Mohamed Hassan Bunay
Occupation: Lieutenant Colonel
Date of Birth: Not Available
Place of Birth: Not Available

Name: Meyrah Ahmed Kaariye
Occupation: Major
Date of Birth: Not Available
Place of Birth: Not Available

¶3. Post is permitted to provide the following statement to authorized parties: Embassy verifies that the Department of State possesses no credible information of gross violations of human rights by the individuals identified in paragraph two above, as of this date. Post may cite this cable in response.

¶4. If at any time Embassy becomes aware of any information regarding incidents that could be deemed to be credible information of gross violations of human rights by any of these personnel, Embassy should so inform the Department.
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